

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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Project Applicant: Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission – Guy Preston

Applicant's Agent: Harris & Associates – Wendy Young

Project Name: Wilder Ranch Drainage Repair, Storm Repair Site 5

Receiving Water: Wilder Creek

City/County: unincorporated / Santa Cruz County

Public Notice: November 9, 2020 – November 30, 2020

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to restore the integrity the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line within the project area.

The proposed project activities include:

- Grading the area to allow access to the project site;
- Removing one 20-inch willow tree within the area of disturbance;
- Vacuuming the clogged culvert that runs perpendicular to the rail line slope;
- Re-compacting the base material on the eroded slope;
- Installing rock slope protection on the eroded slope;
- Constructing a keyway drain at the base of the reconstructed slope;
- Installing hydroseed-mesh stabilization blankets on the disturbed areas; and
- Placing posts spaced 10 feet apart to stabilize the erosion control.

Proposed Mitigation:

Re-establishing 0.04 acres / 1600 square feet.

Santa Cruz County filed a Categorical Exemption.